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SHAH TO TOUR COUNTRY, SWITZERLAND;
EBTEHAJ DISMISSAL CALLED TURNING POINT

MAY VISIT SWITZERLAND ALSO -- Journal de Tehran, 24 Jul 50

The newspaper Setareh has heard that His Majesty the Shah will make a trip in July and August through several provinces of the country, and in the fall will perhaps go abroad, probably to Switzerland.

LAUDS ZAND, RAIS APPOINTMENTS -- Journal de Tehran, 21 Jul 50

The dismissal of Ebtehaj [as Director of Melli Bank] marks a turning point in the financial and economic history of modern Iran. For several years this personality, whose perseverance, energy, and savoir-faire are admitted by friends and enemies alike, constituted a serious obstacle to the recovery of the national economy by his spirit of obstinacy in regard to the financial plan.

Ebtehaj could not understand the simple fact that the Melli Bank was not an entity outside the government but part of the state machinery, and that if the national interest required certain changes in banking principles, it was not the duty of the governor of the bank to oppose them. For a long time everyone in Parliament and throughout the land has felt that only centralization and the concentration of government economic organs in the hands of one person and under the jurisdiction of one office would permit recovery of the Iranian economy.

Everyone was in accord with this principle except Ebtehaj, who vetoed it. In spite of his competence and his authority, the government had to dispense with his services to enable the new Minister of Finances, Dr Nassr, to administer the financial and economic relief plans peacefully. Moreover, the man who replaced him, Zand, has already shown his wisdom and aptitude in other fields, particularly in the Ministries of the Interior and War and as Governor-General of Azerbaijan.

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Another change which has recently created interest is the appointment of Mohsen Rais, Iranian Ambassador to London, as Minister of Foreign Affairs. Certain circles report that Ala was asked several times to return to the head of the ministry, which he had occupied in the last days of the Mansur government, but that he declined. Mohsen Rais is a person of great competence, who, at this crucial moment in our national history, will carry out the responsibilities of this important post with wisdom.

IRAQI EDITOR VISITS TEHRAN -- Journal de Tehran, 19 Jul 50

Qasim Hasan, Baghdad attorney, influential member of the National Democratic Party, and editor of the party organ, Sada al-Ahali, arrived in Iran several days ago. He will spend one month in our country, studying the national situation.

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